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SUBJECT: ANTI- SEMITISM IN GREECE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS HAD CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY PROMPTED BY NEW YORK TIMES REPORT OF MARCH 19 ON SUBJECT ANTI-SEMITISM IN GREECE. ACCORDING TO REPORT SWASTIKAS WERE PAINTED ON ATHENS SYNAGOGUE IN FIRST INCIDENT ITS KIND IN EIGHT YEARS. REPORT CONTINUES THAT INCIDENT IS SOURCE OF ANXIETY TO GREEK JEWS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCUSED BY ORTHODOX BISHOPS OF BEING " BEHIND SUCH NEFARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AS THE FREEMASONS, AND JEHOVAH' S WITNESSES IN ORDER ESTABLISH WORLD DOMINATION." REPORT ASSERTS JEWS SEE RE-IMMERGENCE ANTI- SEMITISM IN GREECE AS RESULT OF FREQUENT EXPRESSIONS SUCH VIEWS IN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS AND SERMONS.

2. REPORT ALSO REFERS TO EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN ATHENS WEEKLY EPIKAAITRA IN WHICH ONE READER EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR HITLER' S TREATMENT OF JEWS AND ANOTHER ASSERTED JEWS HAD ALWAYS HATED GREEKS.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT URGENTLY REQUESTED. ROGERS
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